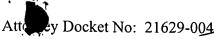
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper 5) mailed on March 6, 2003, Applicants elect the invention of Group I (Claims 1-13), drawn to a composition comprising a reduced folate compound and a cobalamin compound. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claims which are equal to or broader in scope in this, or future applications related to the above-identified patent application.

CONCLUSION

If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 21629-00).

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

Response to Restriction Requirement; and

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If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21629-004. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

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